1	2	3	4
23.	Rajasthan	4.12.2007	Nil
24.	Sikkim	21.11.2009	Nil
25.	Tripura	25.3.2008	Nil
26.	Uttar Pradesh	20.11.2009	Nil
27.	Uttarakhand	8.05.2008	Nil
28.	West Bengal	31.10.2009	Nil
29.	Admn. of Andaman and Nicobar	26.10.2007	Nil
30.	Govt. of NCT of Delhi	28.09.2007	Nil
31.	Admn. of Daman and Diu	15.07.2009	Nil
32.	Admn. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1.07.2008	Nil
33.	Admn. of Lakshadweep	19.11.2007	Nil
34.	Admn. of Puducherry	23.11.2009	Nil
35.	Admn. of Chandigarh	23.09.2009	Nil

*23 cases of alleged suicide by farmers have been reported in Orissa, but the State Government has not been able to ascertain so far whether anyone or more out of these alleged suicides have been caused due to agrarian distress. However, investigations by the State Police are going on this regard.

@Being re-verified by the Agriculture Department, Gujarat.

Development of rainfed areas

1681. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified rainfed areas in the country for the purpose of their sustainable development;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total expenditure earmarked for development of rainfed areas under the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) The net sown area in the country is about 140.30 million ha of which 60.86 million ha area is covered under irrigation and the remaining 79.44 million ha is rainfed. The state-wise details of net sown area and rainfed area is given in Statement (*See* below).

Government of India has accorded highest priority to the holistic and sustainable development of rainfed areas through integrated watershed development approach. Ministry of

Agriculture under the Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture allocates approximately Rs.500 crores annually for the Programmes of Natural Resource Management for development of rainfed and degraded areas based on watershed approach as per Annual Work Plan proposed by the States. Department of Land Resources has made provision of Rs.15,359 crores for the Eleventh Plan for watershed management. Government of India has set up a National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) to address various problems of farming in the rainfed areas and to ensure a coordinated strategy for development of rainfed areas. For the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Rs.123 crores has been earmarked for this purpose. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has also allocated a budget of Rs.75 crores for Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) and All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture in Eleventh Plan.

Statement

State-wise extent of Net Sown Area and Rainfed Area (2006-07)

(In thousand hactares)

Sl.No.	States	Net Sown Area	Net irrigated land	Rainfed area
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10147	4453	5694
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	209	52	157
3.	Assam	2753	140	2613
4.	Bihar	5556	3161	2395
5.	Chhattisgarh	4722	1282	3440
6.	Goa	137	24	113
7.	Gujarat	9852	3388	6464
8.	Haryana	3556	2990	566
9.	Himachal Pradesh	543	104	439
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	742	309	433
11.	Jharkhand	1769	164	1605
12.	Karnataka	10105	2946	7159
13.	Kerala	2101	392	1709
14.	Madhya Pradesh	14735	6365	8370
15.	Maharashtra	17475	2951	14524
16.	Manipur	224	51	173
17.	Meghalaya	213	67	146

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Mizoram	92	16	76
19.	Nagaland	322	65	257
20.	Orissa	5739	1846	3893
21.	Punjab	4243	4028	215
22.	Rajasthan	16764	6496	10268
23.	Sikkim	112	9	103
24.	Tamil Nadu	5126	2889	2237
25.	Tripura	280	61	219
26.	Uttarakhand	768	343	425
27.	Uttar Pradesh	16633	13080	3553
28.	West Bengal	5296	3136	2160
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13	0	13
30.	Chandigarh	1	1	0
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	22	7	15
32.	Daman and Diu	3	0	3
33.	Delhi	23	24	-1
34.	Lakshadweep	3	1	2
35.	Puducherry	20	18	2
	TOTAL	140299	60859	79440

Diesel subsidy to farmers

1682. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to pay diesel subsidy to farmers during Kharif season this year; and

(b) the total amount of diesel subsidy paid during the current season and the details of basis of payment of subsidy Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) To save the standing crop in the field by providing supplementary irrigation, the Central Government announced Diesel Subsidy Scheme with an outlay of Rs.1000 crores. As per